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Miscellaneous Political Information

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1. Police and Communist Party informants are very numerous in Bulgaria. There are one to every five people. They are to be found in all places and activities. Often they receive no monetary reward. Their work is done in return for release from a concentration camp or is rewarded by permanent employment. Informants do not know each other and thus everything must be referred always to the police, for fear that among the persons one talks to there may be another informant.

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2. [Redacted] the Militia had given 300 leva to pay for food and drink for a person whose beliefs the Militia wanted to investigate.

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3. The chief political directors are faithful and unbending in applying the directives and measures of the Party. Those who show signs of weakness are dismissed. The smaller directors and ordinary citizens who are members of the Party are condescending and zealous because of political and economic opportunism.

Reaction to Foreign Radio Broadcasts

4. Everyone listens to foreign broadcast stations, but there is a great deal of jamming. The Bulgarian radio listener knows the wave lengths well, however, and during a broadcast he will change the frequency until he tunes in on the one where reception is best.

5. When jamming is too great, friends exchange in the morning the news each has been able to hear. The preferred wave lengths and the least disturbed ones are on short wave (19, 25, and 31 meters). The most objective and reliable station is the BBC. The Voice of America indulges in too much propaganda and frequently broadcasts news which is false or partially untrue.

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